

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

New claim 24 has been added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 13-24 are now pending in this application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 13, 14, 16, and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,526,257 to Mueller (hereafter “Mueller”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Mueller does not disclose a device that includes, among other things, “the drive wheel which includes only a single pulley,” as recited in claim 23. Mueller discloses a drive mechanism 26 that includes an electromagnetic clutch assembly 48, a viscous coupling 60, an input driveshaft 38 that is driven by an engine crankshaft, a pulley 44 that serves as a first output drive, a pulley 40 that serves as a second output drive. See col. 3, line 39, to col. 4, line 68, of Mueller.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See generally M.P.E.P. § 2131. The device of Mueller includes more than a single pulley because the device of Mueller includes two pulleys 44 and 40. Therefore, Mueller does not anticipate claim 23

because Mueller does not disclose all of the features of claim 23. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 15 and 17 and the indication that claims 13, 14, 16, and 18-22 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant notes that claim 13 is in independent form and that claim 16 has been amended to be placed in independent form.

New Claim

New claim 24 has been added. Claim 24 depends from claim 23 and is allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed above and for the respective additional recitations of claim 24. For example, claim 24 recites "wherein the pulley is configured as a input device that is driven." As discussed above, Mueller discloses that the drive mechanism 26 is driven by an engine crankshaft that is attached to the input driveshaft 38 and that pulleys 44, 40 serve as first and second output mechanisms for driving accessories. Therefore, neither of the pulleys 44, 40 disclosed by Mueller are configured as an input device that is driven, as recited in claim 24.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for

such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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